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DETAILED ACTION

1. This communication is responsive to Amendment filed on 08/27/2007.
2. Claims 1-28 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 6, 9, 15, and 21 have been amended and claim 28 has been added. This action is made Final.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-2, 4-6, 21, 23-25 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kemper et al. ("Kemper", US 6,804,682).

As per claim 1, Kemper teaches an interactive tool for manipulating at least one deployment descriptor, comprising:

a first user interface capable of rendering a hierarchical representation of the at least one deployment descriptor, wherein a component of the representation can be selected by a user (Fig.4, 471; col.10, lines 1-12);

a second user interface capable of rendering a user-editable representation of the selected component (Fig.4, 481; col.10, lines 24-33);

a builder component capable of organizing deployment information from all of an application's deployment descriptors into a logical hierarchy of resources (Fig.4, 471), wherein the hierarchical representation of the at least one deployment descriptor includes a logical representation of application resources (Fig.4, 471).

As per claim 2, Kemper teaches the interactive tool further comprising: a third user interface capable of rendering an error message (col.10, lines 13-18).

As per claim 4, Kemper teaches the interactive tool further comprising:

a parser capable of generating a representation of the at least one deployment descriptor (col.13, lines 35-37);

a generator capable of creating the at least one deployment descriptor (col.13, lines 49-62); and

a validator capable of validating the at least one deployment descriptor (col.13, lines 38-41).

As per claim 5, Kemper teaches the interactive tool wherein the validator is capable of generating an error when it encounters a syntactic or semantic fault in the at least one deployment descriptor (col.10, lines 13-18).

As per claim 6, Kemper teaches the interactive tool wherein: the builder component is further capable of automatically updating the at least one deployment descriptor to reflect one or more changes in at least one source code file (col.22, lines 23-24).

Claim 21 is similar in scope to claim 2, and is therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Claims 23-25 are similar in scope to claims 4-6 respectively, and are therefore rejected under similar rationale.

As per claim 28, Kemper teaches the interactive tool wherein the interactive tool is capable of automatically repairing a first deployment descriptor of the at least one deployment descriptors if the first deployment descriptor is defective (col.22, lines 23-24).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 3, 8-12, 14-18, 20, 22 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kemper et al. ("Kemper", US 6,804,682) in view of Chan et al. ("Chan", US 2003/0028364).

As per claim 3, Kemper teaches the interactive tool of claim 2 wherein an error message is rendered (Kemper, col.10, lines 13-18). However, Kemper does not teach wherein user selection of the error message can cause the second user interface to render a user-editable representation of the at least one deployment descriptor component that is in error. Chan teaches an interactive tool for manipulating a file wherein an error message and the associated position of the error is displayed (Chan, para.0036). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include Chan's teaching with Kemper's tool in order to locate the error quickly.

As per claim 8, Kemper teaches the interactive tool wherein the at least one deployment descriptor can be expressed as JAVA (Kemper, col.8, line 32). However, Kemper does not teach the deployment descriptor to be expressed as an Extensible Markup Language document. Chan teaches an interactive tool wherein the deployment descriptor can be expressed as an Extensible Markup Language document (Chan, para.002). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include Chan's teaching with Kemper's tool in order to accommodate other types of files.

Claims 9, 15 and 22 are individually similar in scope to claim 3, and are therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Claims 10 and 16 are individually similar in scope to claim 4, and are therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Claims 11 and 17 are individually similar in scope to claim 5, and are therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Claims 12 and 18 are individually similar in scope to claim 6, and are therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Claims 14, 20 and 27 are individually similar in scope to claim 8, and are therefore rejected under similar rationale.

7. Claims 7 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kemper et al. ("Kemper", US 6,804,682) in view of Timbol (US 6,237,135).

As per claim 7, Kemper teaches the interactive tool wherein the hierarchical representation can include information pertaining to JAVA (Kemper, col.8, line 32). However,

Kemper does not explicitly teach the information to pertain to at least one of: a Java archive (JAR), a Web Archive (WAR), an Enterprise Archive (EAR), and a Java Connector Architecture Component (RAR). Timbol teaches an interactive tool for manipulating a file wherein the hierarchical representation can include information pertaining to a Java archive (Timbol, col.10, lines 24-26). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include Timbol's teaching with Kemper's tool in order to accommodate other types of files.

Claim 26 is similar in scope to claim 7, and is therefore rejected under similar rationale.

8. Claims 13 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kemper et al. ("Kemper", US 6,804,682) and Chan et al. ("Chan", US 2003/0028364) in view of Timbol (US 6,237,135).

As per claim 13, the interactive tool of Kemper and Chan teaches the interactive tool wherein the hierarchical representation can include information pertaining to JAVA (Kemper, col.8, line 32). However, the interactive tool of Kemper and Chan does not explicitly teach the information to pertain to at least one of: a Java archive (JAR), a Web Archive (WAR), an Enterprise Archive (EAR), and a Java Connector Architecture Component (RAR). Timbol teaches an interactive tool for manipulating a file wherein the hierarchical representation can include information pertaining to a Java archive (Timbol, col.10, lines 24-26). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include Timbol's teaching with the interactive tool of Kemper and Chan in order to accommodate other types of files.

Claim 19 is similar in scope to claim 13, and is therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Response to Arguments

9. Applicant's arguments filed 08/27/2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argued Kemper does not teach organizing deployment information from all of an application's deployment descriptors into a logical hierarchy of resources.

The Examiner disagrees as it is clearly taught in Kemper the organization of deployment information from all of an application's descriptors into a logical hierarchy of resources (Fig.4, 471).

Conclusion

10. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Communications

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sajeda Muhebbullah whose telephone number is **(571) 272-4065**. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday/Thursday and alt. Mondays from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm (EST).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine Kincaid, can be reached on (571) 272-4063.

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